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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Which China?

Editor—Felix Greene has returned from his third trip to Red China after having "traveled widely and freely, talked to the poor and the powerful . . ." for three and a half months (The Chronicle, February 13). Apparently he is a welcome guest of the Communist regime, otherwise he would not have been admitted so frequently.

He must have the complete confidence of the Communist authorities that he will not say anything unfavorable to them.

Ask anyone from China. Can anybody except the Communist leaders travel widely and freely in China? Mr. Greene may be able to

talk freely, but can the people he talks with talk freely? No wonder he finds that "there is a tremendous popular support of the regime." Who would dare to tell him that he hates the regime?

Mr. Greene said that "the Chinese (Reds) now find U. S. policy (nonrecognition) to their advantage, don't particularly care about our recognition and would accept it now only on their own terms." So he is recommending recognition for the good of the U. S., not of Red China. This is the way salesmen talk—it's your loss if you don't buy our goods. One wonders why Red China should so welcome a person who is interested in the good of the U. S.

Mr. Greene might get a better understanding of the true state of affairs without taking the trouble of going to Communist China but by interviewing the Chinese refugees who, contrary to many people's beliefs, are not all die-hard Nationalists, feudal landlords, or capitalists, but are fairly representative of the Chinese social strata.

And what are we going to do with Taiwan, the U. S.'s ally, if we recognize Red China? The latter is "unshakably opposed to any alienation of Formosa or any form of creation of two Chinas," in the words of Chou En-lai. On the other hand, Taiwan has demonstrated its firm opposition to two Chinas by severing ties with France. Is the U. S. prepared to forsake her ally and to surrender Taiwan to Red China? If that is what Mr. Greene wants, then let us recognize Red China.

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The Chinese Peasant Party is no longer active since most of its members are on mainland China. There are some on Formosa and Hong Kong. The party was organized in 1942 and boasted some 30,000 members at its peak.

—Editor.